

## Program Benefits

- Improves oral health status of California's school children
- Increases students' knowledge and encourages self-responsibility for their oral health
- Teaches and reinforces good oral hygiene habits
- Identifies and refers children in need of dental treatment
- Develops students' positive, life-long health behaviors

## Services in Schools

- Fluoride treatments (mouthrinse and tablet supplements)
- Toothbrushing instruction, toothbrushes, dental floss are provided
- Oral health screenings
- Dental sealants (plastic coatings placed on chewing surfaces of healthy molars)
- Classroom oral health education, including materials for parents/guardians
- Community involvement

## Community Partners

- Healthy Start
- Head Start
- Denti-Cal/Medi-Cal
- Maternal & Child Health
- Child Health & Disability Prevention Program/Children's Medical Services (CHDP/CMS)
- Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
- California Dental Association
- Dental Hygiene Association
- Dental Assistant Association
- Hospitals/Clinics
- Universities
- Dental/Dental Hygiene Programs
- School Administrators and Staff
- Non-profit Organizations
- Parents/Families/Guardians
- Child Development Centers



## Special Community Projects

- Early Childhood Caries
- Oral-Facial Injury Prevention
- Parental Education Workshops
- Health Fairs
- Access to Dental Care
- Fluoridation
- School-based/ School-linked Dental Care and Referral Programs
- Dental Sealants



# California Children's Dental Disease Prevention Program



## What is it?

The Children's Dental Disease Prevention Program (CDDPP) is a school-based preventive dental program that has operated successfully in schools since 1980.

Over 350,000 children in pre-school through sixth grade receive the benefits of this program annually.

The CDDPP operates in a significant number of cities and counties throughout the State. The programs work either under the Local Health

Department, the County Superintendent of Schools, or a private nonprofit agency.

The California Department of Health Services oversee the CDDPP at the State level. County coordinators are responsible for implementation and evaluation of the program at the local level. Health educators and teachers deliver dental health messages and supervise the brushing and fluoride components in the classroom.



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